## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Serial No.: 10/014,480

Group Art Unit: 1723

Inventors: Montalvao et al.

Filed: 12/14/2001

Title:

**CAVITATION METHOD AND** 

Examiner: David A. Reifsnyder

Fee 110.00

\$750.00

APPARATUS FOR DEAERATION

## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND ACCOMPANYING FEES

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

[ ] One Month

Sir:

Extension of Time and Requisite Fee: (A)

The undersigned Attorney respectfully petitions the Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for taking action in the above-identified application for a period of time indicated in the box below.

(1)	Original Period for Response was Set to Expire on:		
	9/27/03		
	(Month/Day/Year)		
(2)	Statutory Period Expires	12/27/03	
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Extension now requested (NOT TO EXCEED STATUTORY PERIOD) is for the following period of time from date (1) above:

	[ ] Two Months	\$ 420.00
	[X] Three Months	\$ 950.00
	[ ] Four Months	\$1,480.00
	[ ] Credit is requested for prior extension fees paid	\$
)	[X] Additional Fee for Response filed herewith:	
	[ ] Amendment (additional claims)	
	[ ] Notice of Appeal [ ] Appeal Brief	\$320.00
	[ ] Declaration	\$130.00

Total Fee for this Petition and any Response filed herewith: (C)

Request for Continued Examination (RCE)

The total fee, in the amount of \$950.00 is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-2440.

Please charge any additional fee which may be required for this Petition and/or Response, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-2440. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for the convenience of the Finance Branch.

Praxair, Inc.

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Danbury, Connecticut 06810-5113 Telephone No. (203) 837-2669

Dated: December 19, 2003

Attorney Ref.: D-20920

Respectfully submitted,

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